and sustained measures, Government propose to formulate a comprehensive renewable energy policy which will help to create awareness, foster technology development and demonstration, accelerate commercialisation, as also help promote local production, employment opportunities and an effective delivery mechanism or greater deployment of renewable energy systems and devices.

(c) Foreign Companies have shown interest in setting up 45 power projects. The details are at Annex. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 146) It normally taken time to obtain all statutory and non-statutory clearances before a power project is set up. The Government of India has been extending all possible assistance to the State authorities|organisations for speedy implementation of these projects.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 1904.09 crores has been proposed in the VIII Five Year Plan for hydro power schemes. The break up of these for the Central Sector and the State Sector is also shown in the above Annex. The details of outlay and physical target or Non-Conventional Energy Sources proposed in the VIII Five Year Plan are also given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 146)

(e) 36 hydro-electric projects (above 100 MW capacity) are sancitoned| ongoing. Their present status of implementation is indicated in Annex. IV. The progress of implementation of projects is regularly monitored at various levels and corrective steps taken for ensuring timely completion.

Amount spent on advertisements

*665. SHRI MOH2AMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by various Ministries|Departments on advertisements given to newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1994-95, Ministry-wise and language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO). During the year 1994-95 DAVP released advertisements amounting to Rs. 27,43,36,136|- on behalf of various Ministries |Deptts. including Autonomous Bodies and Public Sector Undertakings. Ministry wise|Deptt-wise break-up of expenditure committee and language-wise break up is given in the Annexure. (See Appndix 173, Annexure No. 147)

Voluntary retirement by supervisory staff of SBI

*668. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of supervisory staff of the State Bank of India, Local Head Office, New Delhi have sought voluntary retirement for different reasons including attractive offers from private sector banks;

(b) if so whether Government have enquired into the reasons for a large number of requests for voluntary retirement and how many officers in each scale, from scale one to scale five and above have sought voluntary retirement during the last two years and how many such requests are still pending with the bank; and

(c) how Government propose to avoid such situations in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) State Bank of India has reported that of its total strength of officers in the New Delhi Circle during the period May, 1993 to April, 1995, 102 requests for voluntary retirement|resignation from officers in Scales I and above of the Circle have been acceded to by it. 18 such requests recently received by the bank are under process with it. Of the above 102 requests, 39 were on health grounds, 43 on personal grounds, 12 for joining other banks and 8 for joining